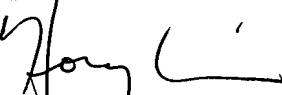


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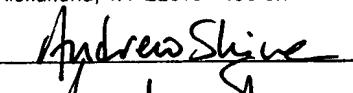
The specification has been amended to update a reference to a patent application and to remove references to two patent applications.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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